## Support WalkAmerica, help babies get a healthy start in life

This Saturday, April 26, Hanford employees and members of the community will be helping babies get a healthy start in life. Teams of walkers will be traversing a 6.5-mile loop beginning at Columbia Point Marina in Richland to support the March of Dimes in the annual WalkAmerica fund-raiser.

Registration begins at 8 a.m. and the walk begins at 9. Activities at the beginning of the walk will include warm-up exercises and stretching.

This year, the March of Dimes is focusing on premature birth and raising the awareness of people to the problem:

- Premature birth is the leading Cause of newborn death.
- One of eight babies is born prematurely.
- Premature birth rates are rising.
- Health-care costs for premature babies are about 10 times higher than those for full-term babies.

The money you donate or raise will go to the March of Dimes to fund research into the causes and prevention of premature birth and genetic birth defects as well as education:

- It will help educate women to have healthy pregnancies and recognize signs of premature labor.
- It will assist health-care providers in better identifying women at risk for premature birth.
- It will help pregnant women with questions and concerns.

You still have time to participate by getting sponsors and walking or by making a donation. Contact one of the company coordinators listed below. ■

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